

ALLES TO THE ECONOMICS NEEDS FOR ALL

Joint Buying, Distribution
and Price Control Su-
preme Council Plan.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, March 2.—Joint buying, distribution according to necessities and supervision of selling prices were provided for in a tentative plan agreed to at London yesterday by the economics section of the supreme allied council, says the Petit Parisien, which today prints an outline of the program. The plan must be submitted to Premier Millerand before becoming effective.

"In the debate which developed during the meeting as to where the needed materials might be found," the newspaper says, "the exchange situation between Europe and the United States was considered as a hindrance to purchases, and Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain urged exchanges with Russia, particularly for wheat. There was, therefore, only a state of mind to be created by a direct agreement with the soviet government for exchanges which were previously arranged for by the soviet co-operative societies, which form in reality only an administrative organ. This step has been taken."

Must Develop Production.
All allied countries will be called upon to develop to the utmost their productive forces and advised that laws improving the condition of workers must be applied. The plan must be approved by the economics section of the supreme allied council yesterday, says the "Petit Parisien," political.

"With this object in view," he writes, "the different governments will be told to submit such reports as they deem most important. A return to the community system created during the war and light-heartedly destroyed after the armistice cannot be thought of, but the manifesto will declare the following principles should be recognized:

General Welfare First.
"In every country the problem of production is not only national but international and, both as regards the distribution and transport of raw materials, must not only its own interests, but must accept sacrifices in the interest of general welfare."

Will Draft Resolutions.
LONDON, March 2.—The allied supreme council, the result of investigations of high prices, exchange and other economic questions, has decided to embody its principles in resolutions. So far as is known, nothing more will be the definite outcome of the council's deliberations.

The council reached an agreement today on general lines, and the draft in hand was turned over to a drafting committee to draw up resolutions. The council's decision, the Belgian ambassador in London, joined the council.

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**COMMISSION VALUATION
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destructive of the public right and effect a result which should be achieved by a judicial tribunal. Without passing upon the question as to whether or not these so-called "rights" should be properly recognized by the property of the power company, it is clear that the commission's action is a fair valuation made for the purpose of determining rates.

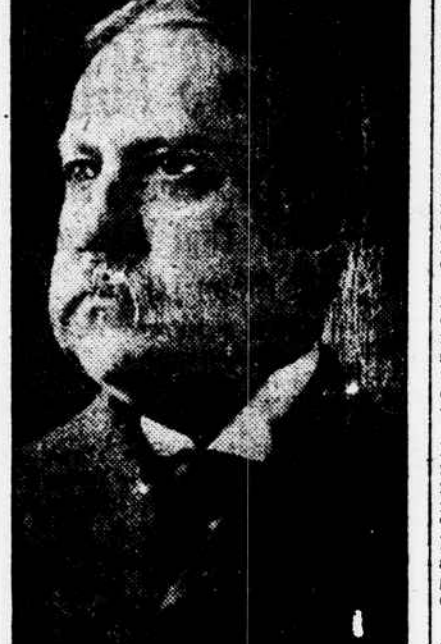
Concluding his opinion, Justice Gable declares:
"Fair value for rate-making purposes is necessarily expressed by some amount, and this amount, or fair value, constitutes the rate base. The question that the commission is finding is a fair amount and not a 'fair value for rate-making purposes' without regard to the terms used by the commission are similar in meaning and effect."

Court's Rights Limited.
The court's rights in reviewing the findings of the commission are limited, Justice Gable says, and will not substitute its own judgment of what is reasonable in place of the determination of the commission. The court may only annul the order of the commission for the violation of some rule of law, or if the commission's action is "arbitrary, capricious, or oppressive."

**MR. HAM WITHHOLDS
PREDICTION AS TO APPEAL**
William F. Ham, president of the Potomac Electric Power Company, when asked if the company would appeal from Judge Gould's decision in the valuation case, said he would not make a statement until he has an opportunity to read the findings of the court.

J. M. JOHNSTON DIES AFTER ACTIVE LIFE

Prominent in Financial and
Legal Circles and Aided
in Charitv.



JAMES M. JOHNSTON.

James Marion Johnston, seventy years of age, native Washingtonian and for years recognized as one of the most prominent figures in local financial circles, died suddenly at his residence, 1625 21st street, yesterday.

Heart trouble was the cause of death. Funeral services will be held at the residence tomorrow at noon. Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith of St. John's church officiating. Interment will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Johnston received his earlier education in Washington schools and in the Emerson Institute here. He entered Princeton at the completion of his course at the institute and was graduated in 1870, being valedictorian of his class.

On his return to Washington he became a partner in the law firm of Johnston & Co. A few years later he was graduated in the law from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Johnston was a son of Dr. William Johnston, one of the early prominent physicians of Washington, and was a brother of Dr. W. W. Johnston. A son, James Marion Johnston, Jr., died in 1914, leaving a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Randolph Mason and Miss Eleanor Johnston.

He was a member of the Chevy Chase, Metropolitan and Cosmos clubs here.

FUNERAL OF J. S. BREAST

Funeral services for James S. Breast, veteran resident of the District, who died Sunday morning in church, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at his residence, 1415 14th street southeast. Rev. Dr. Freely Rohrer officiating.

**VISCONT GREY'S SIGHT
SAVED BY D. C. OCULIST**
Treatment by a Washington oculist probably saved the eyes of Viscount Grey, according to cable advices from London to the New York Sun and Herald, which were confirmed at the British embassy here today.

While here as British ambassador in Washington, the viscount's eyes began to cause him serious trouble, and he consulted one of the capital's best oculists, Dr. J. J. Darrington, who discovered that the inflammation around the eyes was caused by a local dentist, and an improvement in the diplomat's condition began to be noted at once.

Because the aggravated condition had continued so long it may be severe, but it is believed that the viscount's eyesight should be normal, it was said today, and it may always be somewhat weakened as a result of the infection.

PARLEYS ADRIATIC COME TO STANDSTILL

Serbian Foreign Minister Gratified
That President Wilson Sticks
By His Guns.

LONDON, March 2.—Anton Trumbitch, the Yugoslav foreign minister, speaking today concerning the Adriatic question, said:
"As far as Serbia is concerned, the London discussion of Adriatic affairs has resulted in no progress whatever. We are waiting to see that President Wilson is standing by his guns and insisting that there be no adjustment of the difficulty other than one which will be equitable to all concerned and certain to guarantee peace."

Conversations Ended.
LONDON, March 2.—The conversations between Premier Nitti of Italy and the Yugoslav, in which Foreign Minister Trumbitch participated, were suddenly broken off today. It is not expected they will be resumed in London during the current week.

The entire Adriatic question remains in suspense, and it seems fairly certain that the solution of it will be reached while the supreme council is sitting in London, but that the question will be postponed until the peace conference assembles in Rome, toward the end of the month.

No confirmation is obtainable in Italian circles here with regard to the report printed in Le Journal of Paris from Rome that Signor Nitti has offered concessions to the Yugoslavs. The Italians here still are anxious to know what will be President Wilson's attitude toward the reopening of negotiations with regard to the Adriatic controversy.

Packers Not Credible.
LIVE STOCK MAN SAYS
"Devious and Improper Methods"
Used in Extending Control,
Mr. Lassiter Charges.

Charges that the "big five" meat packers had broken agreements with representatives of livestock organizations not to oppose congressional investigation of the packing industry were made today by B. C. Lassiter of Texas, representing livestock organizations.

The packers and their attorneys are not credible, Mr. Lassiter said. It is useless for this committee to waste any time in hearing them.

The packers, he said, have sought to secure control of livestock growers' organizations. By "devious and improper methods," he charged, they have extended their grasp on the industry.

Mr. Lassiter read numerous press clippings, letters and testimony in previous official investigations of the packers regarding alleged wrongful practices. Great difficulties, chargeable to the packers, he said, are being met by the livestock organizations.

Mr. Lassiter said, however, that the packers and their attorneys are not credible. It is useless for this committee to waste any time in hearing them.

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GIRL SCOUTS HONORED BY SECRETARY BAKER

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FIVE ARE INDICTED FOR MURDER HERE

Three for First Degree, Two
for Second Degree—Other
Grand Jury Findings.

Melvin Despert and William J. Christian, both colored, were indicted today by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. It is alleged that on February 18 last they shot and killed Ruth Smith, colored, in a motion picture theater. Alfonso Edmonson, colored, is also charged with first degree murder. He is said to have killed Hanson Ballard at the Howard Theater.

A second degree murder is charged in two indictments. Isaac Snowden is alleged to have killed Lucy Snowden, a white woman, in a rooming house. Charles M. O'Donnell, vice president of the American Live Stock Association, said yesterday before the committee.

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JAMES H. JACKSON IS HANGED AT JAIL

Colored Man Pays Extreme
Penalty for Slaying of
War Worker.

James Henry Jackson, colored, slayer of Miss Lillian Hood, a young war worker from Brownsville, Tenn., in her room, at 1357 L street, the night of January 24, last year, was hanged in the District jail this morning. The trap of the scaffold was sprung at 7:01 a.m. by the executioners, Capt. William Arnold and John Campbell, of the prison guards. He was pronounced dead by Dr. James A. Gannon at 7:14 o'clock, exactly thirteen minutes after the noose was placed around his neck. The hanging was in charge of Charles C. Foster, general superintendent of the District jail and workhouse.

Awake all night, Jackson talked freely to the various guards from the death chamber where he was confined, and about 2 o'clock this morning complained of being hungry. At 4:30 o'clock, mass was celebrated and holy communion administered by Rev. Father Mihm of St. Augustine's Catholic Church.

Ate Hearty Breakfast.
He ate a hearty breakfast at 5:15 o'clock, consisting of eggs, bread, butter and coffee. Throughout the long strain of waiting for his last sunrise he showed not the slightest sign of weakness or nervousness. He asked no questions regarding the execution with any show of fear.

He left his cell accompanied by Father Mihm, and two guards, and, with steady, unflinching step, made his way to the platform beside the gallows. Rev. Father Mihm, Capt. George Rathbunde and W. L. Pease (guards) accompanied him. William Wenzel, about twenty spectators witnessed the scene from the court below, including medical officials and representatives of the press. The relatives were present. Father Mihm administered the sacrament of extreme unction, Jackson replying after him.

Had Good Record.
Jackson was twenty-eight years old, a short, light-complexioned colored man. He weighed at the time of his death about 140 pounds. He was a native of Mississippi, and had been in the District for some time. He was a member of the Methodist church, and had a good record. He was a member of the Methodist church, and had a good record.

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DAYTON S. WARD DEAD.

Funeral to Be Held This Afternoon
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WOULD REHEAR DISPUTE OVER POSSESSION OF Apartment on 7th Street Is Heard.

An added touch of interest was injected into the proceedings of the District rent commission today, when one of Washington's woman attorneys, Miss Nina L. Thomas, appeared for the plaintiff in one of the cases.

Miss Thomas represented Mrs. Mary G. Hamill, who appealed to the rent commission for an order to raise the rent on a two-story apartment on the second floor of 617 7th street northeast. Mrs. Hamill testified that she had owned the property, a two-story apartment building, since 1904, and that as long ago as last May she notified the tenant, James H. Whiting, that she would want the apartment for her own use. Formal notice, however, was not served until the defendant had failed to vacate and had occupied the apartment for several months after October 1.

Occupying Single Room.
Mrs. Hamill testified that she is at present occupying one room in a house occupied by the family of an old friend, and that she had endeavored to get the apartment for her own use or apartment. It was shown that prior to November 1, 1918, Mrs. Hamill had paid \$25.00 a month for the six-room apartment. After that date, however, the rent after that date had been increased to \$25 a month. The defendant's attorney, Mr. Whiting, questioned the good faith of the plaintiff in the matter, and raised the objection that the formal notice to vacate had not been served. The commission held that the matter of no moment to the case under advisement.

Dismissed by Agreement.
The case of Mrs. L. M. Ward against Moore & Hill, agents, alleging excessive rent for an apartment at 1320 21st street, was dismissed by the commission today by agreement between the parties to the complaint.

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